

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a tank having a wall out of ~~blown, thermoformed or rotoformed~~ thermoplastic material, the method comprising ~~the following steps: making a portion in relief on the inside of the tank, said portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted inside the tank and defining a permanent housing for receiving at least a portion of said attachment, the portion in relief for being made: either by implementing the following steps:~~

a) placing at least one insert ⁷ inside an enclosure ^{mold};

b) inserting the thermoplastic ^{parison} material that ~~is to form the wall of the tank~~ inside the enclosure; and

c) forming the wall of the tank by one of blowing, thermoforming ~~or and~~ rotomolding the thermoplastic material, the insert being positioned inside the enclosure in such a manner that while the wall is being formed, ~~it the thermoplastic material~~ covers the insert at least in part, the insert also being of a shape that ~~is selected in such a manner that said wall, by taking on at least part of the shape of the insert, constitutes said portion in relief; or else by mounting a mounting member on the wall of the tank configured such that the thermoplastic material forms a portion in relief on the inside of the tank by taking on at least part of the shape of the insert, said portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted inside the tank and defining a permanent housing for receiving at least a portion of said attachment.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the attachment is ~~constituted by~~ selected from the group consisting of: a pipe, a filter, a pump, a fuel gauge, and a support member.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein said attachment is a valve.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein said portion in relief is made on the top of the wall of the tank.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein said housing has an end wall, and the attachment comes into contact with said end wall once it has been mounted.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein said housing is formed inside an annular wall. ^{annular wall}

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, ~~in which~~wherein said annular wall is interrupted.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, ~~in which~~wherein said annular wall is continuous.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein said portion in relief ~~is in the form of~~comprises two tabs, said housing being ~~defined~~formed between the tabs.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein the attachment is mounted in the housing along an axial direction thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein said portion in relief ~~presents~~has a shape selected to enable the attachment to be mounted by snap-fastening.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein said portion in relief ~~presents~~has a shape selected to enable the attachment to be held by friction to the wall of the tank.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~1, ~~in which~~wherein the wall of the tank is made by blowing a parison placed inside the enclosure.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~1, ~~in which~~wherein step *b*) precedes step *a*).

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~1, ~~in which~~wherein the shape of the insert is ~~selected in such a manner as~~configured to constitute a reinforcement within the wall of the tank, limiting variations in the dimensions thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~1, ~~in which~~wherein the overmolded portion of the insert ~~is of~~has a shape ~~selected in such a manner as~~configured to guarantee effective retention in the wall of the tank.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~17~~1, ~~in which~~wherein the portion in relief ~~is~~has an annular ~~in~~shape having with a radially inner surface that diverges towards the outside of the tank.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~1, ~~in which~~wherein the insert ~~it is~~ maintained in the enclosure while the wall is being formed so that ~~the an~~ outside surface of the tank has a setback in register with the insert.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~131~~, ~~in which~~wherein the insert is made of a material having a melting temperature that is higher than that of the material(s) constituting the parison.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~131~~, ~~in which~~wherein the insert is made of polyolefin ~~in particular of high density polyethylene~~.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~131~~, ~~in which~~wherein the insert is made of metal.

23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~131~~, ~~in which~~wherein the insert is held captive in the wall of the tank, after it has been overmolded.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~121~~, ~~in which said mounting member is mounted on a wall of the tank by heat sealing~~wherein the insert is made of high-density polyethylene.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein the wall of the tank ~~includes~~comprises at least one layer of thermoplastic material and a layer that forms a barrier against hydrocarbons.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, ~~in which~~wherein the wall has two layers of thermoplastic material and, sandwiched between them, a layer forming a barrier against hydrocarbons.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein the wall of the tank is subjected to treatment for forming a barrier against hydrocarbons, ~~in particular to treatment by fluorination~~.

29. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank ~~including~~comprising a wall of blown thermoplastic material overmolded on at least one insert, the wall covering the insert ~~defining~~forming a portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted to the body of the tank, said portion in relief ~~including~~comprising a housing suitable for receiving at least a portion of the attachment.

30. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank ~~including~~comprising a wall of rotomolded thermoplastic material over-molded on at least one insert, the wall covering the insert ~~defining~~forming a portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted to the body of the tank, said portion in relief ~~including~~comprising a housing suitable for receiving at least a portion of the attachment.

31. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank ~~including~~comprising a wall of thermoformed thermoplastic material overmolded on at least one insert, the wall covering the insert ~~defining~~

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forming a portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted to the body of the tank, said portion in relief ~~including comprising~~ a housing suitable for receiving at least a portion of the attachment.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of making a tank ~~of blown, thermoformed, or rotomolded thermoplastic material, the method comprising the following steps: making a portion in relief on the inside of the tank, said portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted inside the tank, the portion in relief being made: either by implementing the following steps:~~having a wall of thermoplastic material, the method comprising:

a) placing at least one insert inside an enclosure;

b) inserting the thermoplastic material ~~that is to form the wall of the tank~~ inside the enclosure; and

c) forming the wall of the tank by one of blowing, thermoforming, ~~or and~~ rotomolding the thermoplastic material, the insert being positioned inside the enclosure in such a manner that while the wall is being formed, ~~it the thermoplastic material~~ covers the insert at least in part, the insert also being ~~of a shape that is selected in~~configured such a manner that the thermoplastic material forms a portion in relief on the inside of the tank by taking on at least part of the shape of the insert, said portion in relief enabling an attachment to be mounted inside that tank;

~~said wall, by taking on at least part of the shape of the insert, constitutes said portion in relief, or else by mounting a mounting member on the wall of the tank, the wall of the tank comprising at least a layer of thermoplastic material and a layer that forms a barrier against hydrocarbons.~~

33. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the attachment is selected from the group consisting of: a pipe, a filter, a pump, a fuel gauge, or a support member.

34. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein said attachment is a valve.

35. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein said portion in relief is made on the top of the wall of the tank.

36. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein ^{LAB}said housing has an end wall, and the attachment comes into contact with said end wall once it has been mounted.

37. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein housing is formed inside an annular wall.

38. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein said annular wall is interrupted.

39. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein said annular wall is continuous.

40. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein said portion in relief comprises two tabs, said housing being defined between the tabs.

41. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the attachment is mounted into place in the housing along an axial direction thereof.

42. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein said portion in relief has a shape selected to enable the attachment to be mounted by snap-fastening.

43. (New) A method according to claim 32, in wherein said portion in relief has a shape selected to enable the attachment to be held by friction to the wall of the tank.

44. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the insert is made of polyolefin.

45. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the insert is made of metal.

46. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the wall has two layers of thermoplastic material and, sandwiched between them, a layer forming a barrier against hydrocarbons.

47. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the wall of the tank is subjected to treatment for forming a barrier against hydrocarbons.

48. (New) A method according to claim 47, wherein the wall of the tank is subjected to treatment by fluorination.

49. (New) A method according to claim 28, wherein the wall of the tank is subjected to treatment by fluorination.

50. (New) A method of making a tank having a wall out of blown, thermoformed, or rotomolded thermoplastic material, the method comprising:

mounting a mounting member on the wall of the tank, said mounting member being configured for enabling an attachment to be mounted inside the tank, said mounting member not being overmolded by the wall.

51. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the attachment is selected from the group consisting of: a pipe, a filter, a pump, a fuel gauge, and a support member.

52. (New) A method according to claim 50, in which said attachment is a valve.

53. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein said mounting member comprises a permanent housing for receiving at least a portion of said attachment.

54. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the attachment is put into place in the housing along an axial direction thereof.

55. (New) A method according to claim 50, said mounting member has a shape selected to enable the attachment to be mounted by snap-fastening.

56. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein said mounting member is mounted on the wall of the tank by heat-sealing.

57. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the attachment has elastically deformable tabs suitable for deforming elastically to go past an annular bead on the mounting member.

58. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the wall of the tank includes at least one layer of thermoplastic material and a layer that forms a barrier against hydrocarbons.

59. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the wall has two layers of thermoplastic material and, sandwiched between them, a layer forming a barrier against hydrocarbons.

60. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the wall of the tank is subjected to treatment for forming a barrier against hydrocarbons.

61. (New) A method of making a tank having a wall out of thermoplastic material, the method comprising:

a) placing at least one insert inside an enclosure;

b) inserting the thermoplastic material inside the enclosure; and

c) forming the wall of the tank by one of blowing, thermoforming, and rotomolding the thermoplastic material, the insert being positioned inside the enclosure in such a manner that while the wall is being formed, the thermoplastic material covers the insert at least in part, the insert also being configured such that the thermoplastic material forms a portion in relief on the inside of the tank, by taking on at least part of the shape of the insert, said portion in relief defining a permanent housing; and

d) mounting an attachment inside the tank by inserting at least a portion of said attachment in said permanent housing.